



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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MYMENSINGH H 20.5 L 10.5

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COX'S BAZAR H 24.8 L 14.2

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today, says the Met office. Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country during mid-night to morning and it may continue at places during day time. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:33pm and rises tomorrow at 06:44am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:



Winners of the Bogra round of "Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef-2018" at Godhuli Community Centre in Bogra town on Saturday. The duo -- Nahar and Duria-Tun-Noor -- received Super Chef aprons from judges and qualified for the central round to be held in Dhaka. The next regional round will be held in Khulna today.

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## AL won't entertain corrupt leaders

Quader tells Ctg commemorative meeting for Mohiuddin Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Ruling Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday urged party leaders and activists to refrain from committing misdeeds.

"The Awami League does not need the leaders who take bribes for recruitment of police, sweepers and night guards," he said at a commemorative meeting for former Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, organised by Chittagong AL at the historic Laldighi ground.

Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, asked the local leaders to include in different committees the activists who worked for the party during its difficult times but now are sidelined.

He said, "When I told Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that we [the senior leaders of AL] have come to the port city for the meeting, she mentioned one thing she wants among us is unity."

If the party remains united, none would be able to defeat AL in the next national polls in Chittagong, he added.

Quader also urged the ruling party leaders to organise new and young voters, especially female voters, in a bid to win the next election.

Housing and Public Works Minister Eng Mosharraf Hossain, AL Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif, its Publicity and Publication Affairs Secretary Hasan Mahmud and CCC Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin were also present.



## 1971 WAR CRIMES

### Evidence found against Rajshahi man

Says probe agency; ICT asks registrar to publish ad for Khulna fugitive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of International Crimes Tribunal yesterday said to have found evidence against a Rajshahi man over his alleged involvement in crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

Abdus Samad Musa, 61, was "involved" in killings of 15 people, abduction and torture of 21 people and looting and arson in Puthia and Durgapur upazilas of the district, agency's coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan told a press conference at its Dhanmondi office.

Musa, a Jamaat-e-Islami activist and a resident of Puthia, was arrested on January 24 last year and is now in jail.

Hannan said during investigation, they have found involvement of six people in the crimes but all of them except for Musa had died before the probe started.

Later, Faruk Hossain,

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## Cancel recruitment tests

Demand candidates; raise allegations of mismanagement, question leak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Candidates of eight government banks and financial institutions yesterday demanded that the authorities concerned cancel the Friday's "controversial" recruitment tests and take fresh exams.

Complaining about mismanagement and corruption during the tests, they called upon the authorities to hold new tests under the Bangladesh Public Service Commission to make it fair.

They also gave the authorities concerned an ultimatum of 24 hours. If their demands were not met within the deadline, they threatened to take the issue to the court.

However, Bankers' Selection Committee, one of the authorities, denied the demands saying that the test was "a trial" of the final recruitment exam, which will be held soon in a written format.

The candidates made the demands at a protest rally organised under the banner of "General Students" in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

The state-run banks include Sonali,

### 8 STATE-RUN BANKS



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Candidates at the protest rally.

Rupali and Janata.

About the irregularities, the candidates said there were no seat plans and most of the centres had shortage of seats. Besides, many examinees used mobile phones to solve the questions, and the exam started late in many centres, they said.

Saurav Sarkar Moon, one of the candidates, said mismanagement and irregularity took place in almost every exam centres.

"Even in my centre, I had to a squeeze in a bench with four persons. Exams for the post of senior officers at the state-run banks cannot take place

this way," said Saurav, who took the exam at Segun Bagicha High School centre.

"All we want now is cancellation of the exam. If the authorities don't listen to us, we'll have no other option but to seek the High Court's help," he told The Daily Star.

It is a matter of shame that the candidates had to protest on the streets for a job and for bringing fairness to the recruitment exam, he added.

On Friday, the Bankers' Selection Committee announced to retake the recruitment tests on January 20 following demonstration of the candidates of two exam centres over seat shortage and mismanagement.

According to the committee, more than 5,000 candidates of the two centres - Government Bangla College in Mirpur-1 and Hazrat Shah Ali Mohila College in the same area -- could not take the test scheduled to be held at 3:30pm.

A number of candidates of the centres as well as others complained of mismanagement and irregularities,

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### DNCC MAYORAL BY-POLL

## 12 aspirants from AL so far

The party concludes nomination form sale today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four people including a former Awami League central working committee member yesterday collected nomination forms from the Awami League seeking party ticket for the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) mayoral race.

With the four, a total 12 people expressed their aspiration to contest the DNCC poll under the banner of the ruling party.

Yesterday, on the second day since the AL started selling the forms, Advocate Mamtaj Uddin Mehedi, a former member of AL central working committee; Shamim Hasan, a former ward councillor; Maj Gen (retd) Yead Ali Fakir; and Abed Mansur, a businessman; collected nomination papers from the party president's Dhanmondi office.

Today is the last day for collecting the forms.

So far, no one holding any post in the party collected the nomination form.

On Saturday, four businessmen, three teachers and a poet collected AL nomination forms.

The AL's Local Government Nomination Board will hold a meeting on Tuesday to finalise the party's candidate for the mayoral post in the DNCC by-polls.

Meanwhile, five people yesterday bought nomination forms from BNP's Nayapaltan office to contest the mayoral post in the DNCC election.

They are BNP central executive committee member Tabitha Awal, Dhaka city (north) unit President MA Quayum, the party's Assistant Publication Secretary Shakil Wahed, BNP central leader Asaduzzaman Ripon and expelled BNP leader Major (retd) Akhtaruzzaman.

On Saturday night, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia during a meeting with the party's standing committee members at her Gulshan office discussed about Tabitha Awal's prospective candidacy in the DNCC mayoral post.

However, the party would make its official decision on its ticket after the meeting of BNP's Nomination Board tonight.

By-polls to the DNCC mayoral post is scheduled to be held on February 26. Elections in the 36 newly formed wards of Dhaka north and south city corporations will also be held the same day. The post of the DNCC mayor became vacant after Annisul Huq, the incumbent mayor, passed away in London on November 30 last year.

In November 2011, the then Dhaka City Corporation was split into two corporations -- North and South.

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